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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 1999

Referred to the Committee on International Relations

AN ACT

To promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Equality for Israel at
5 the United Nations Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. EFFORT TO PROMOTE FULL EQUALITY AT THE**
2 **UNITED NATIONS FOR ISRAEL.**

3 (a) CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENT.—It is the sense of
4 the Congress that—

5 (1) the United States should help promote an
6 end to the inequity experienced by Israel in the
7 United Nations whereby Israel is the only long-
8 standing member of the organization to be denied
9 acceptance into any of the United Nations region
10 blocs, which serve as the basis for participation in
11 important activities of the United Nations, including
12 rotating membership on the United Nations Security
13 Council; and

14 (2) the United States Ambassador to the
15 United Nations should take all steps necessary to
16 ensure Israel's acceptance in the Western Europe
17 and Others Group (WEOG) regional bloc, whose
18 membership includes the non-European countries of
19 Canada, Australia, and the United States.

20 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act and on a quar-
22 terly basis thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit
23 to the appropriate congressional committees a report
24 which includes the following information (in classified or
25 unclassified form as appropriate):

1 (1) actions taken by representatives of the
2 United States, including the United States Amba-
3 sador to the United Nations, to encourage the na-
4 tions of the Western Europe and Others Group
5 (WEOG) to accept Israel into their regional bloc;

6 (2) efforts undertaken by the Secretary General
7 of the United Nations to secure Israel's full and
8 equal participation in that body;

9 (3) specific responses solicited and received by
10 the Secretary of State from each of the nations of
11 Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG) on
12 their position concerning Israel's acceptance into
13 their organization; and

14 (4) other measures being undertaken, and
15 which will be undertaken, to ensure and promote
16 Israel's full and equal participation in the United
17 Nations.

Passed the Senate November 8, 1999.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.